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1. Pol Dasht  
1 May

Thirty-six carloads of troops were observed in trains  
between Nakhdagh (not located) and Qizil Qishlag  
(Kizil Qishlag, 39-12N, 45-20E).

1 or 2 May

Westbound rail traffic from Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan  
included 11 carloads of cases and ammunition.

Eastbound rail traffic from Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa  
included four mortars, five carloads of cases and  
ammunition, and 19 cars in which troops were observed.

4 May

One carload of troops went by rail from Dzhulfa to  
Nakhichevan.

2. Dzhulfa  
1 May

4 May

Eastbound rail traffic from Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa  
and Ordubad included seven gondolas of armed troops.

One truck-drawn 105 mm gun went from Dzhulfa to  
Ordubad.

There was rifle practice at Dzhulfa and 195 rockets  
were fired there.

3. Sia Rud  
4 May

Eastbound rail traffic from Dzhulfa to Baku included  
six cars of armed troops.

4. Astara  
1 May

Southbound road traffic from Lenkoran to Astara  
included four jeeps carrying eight officers and a few  
unarmed soldiers, and 12 trucks with unspecified load.

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Northbound road traffic from Astara to Lenkoran included three jeeps carrying six officers and seven unarmed soldiers and two groups of unarmed infantrymen on foot.

Westbound road traffic from Astara to Masjed Mahalleh included one mounted officer and four vehicles carrying 22 troops and one officer.

Westbound road traffic from Masjed Mahalleh to the last post to the west included one jeep and nine trucks with unspecified load and two trucks full of armed troops.

One truck carrying troops went eastbound between these two points.

There was machine gun firing practice along the coast.

Two gunboats were anchored off Astara.

3 May

Three trucks were observed going south from Lenkoran to Astara

Northbound road traffic from Astara to Lenkoran included 29 vehicles, a battalion of troops (possibly on the vehicles), and several women with a band celebrating May Day.

Two trucks carrying several civilians and three armed troops went west from Astara to Masjed Mahalleh.

One jeep with two officers moved between Qapchi Mahalleh and Masjed Mahalleh six times making several stops at Alachai.

Four vehicles carrying six unarmed troops went from Masjed Mahalleh to the last post to the west.

Four vehicles carrying one officer and 12 troops went east between these two points.

New officers replaced the officers at the Astara garrison.

3 and 4 May

Southbound road traffic from Lenkoran to Astara included 29 vehicles carrying four officers, 25 unarmed troops, and four civilians, and a group of unarmed troops on foot.

Northbound road traffic from Astara to Lenkoran included 11 vehicles carrying 15 officers and two armed groups (troops?) and a group of unarmed troops on foot.

Eastbound road traffic from Masjed Mahalleh to Astara included seven vehicles carrying one officer, two civilians, and 24 unarmed troops, and two trucks full of unarmed troops.

Six vehicles carrying five officers and 22 unarmed troops went west from Masjed Mahalleh to the last western post.

Six vehicles carrying three officers, a few troops, and one civilian were observed (direction and destination not stated, presumably eastbound from the last western post to Masjed Mahalleh).

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Near the border at Bagchen Sareh, 150 sticks of wood a half-meter in length were placed in the ground and connected together by thin wire.

5 May

Eighteen vehicles carrying five officers and six unarmed troops went south from Lenkoran to Astara.

Eight vehicles went north from Astara to Lenkoran.

Westbound road traffic from Astara to Masjed Mahalleh included six vehicles carrying two officers, forty unarmed troops, and six civilians, and one truck full of male and female troops.

Eastbound road traffic from Masjed Mahalleh to Astara included one jeep carrying an officer, one truck full of troops, and 12 unarmed troops on foot.

5. Lutfabad  
2 May

Eastbound rail traffic from Ashkhabad to Kaakha included three rail cars full of armored cars.

5 May

One artillery piece was taken by rail westbound from Kaakha to Ashkhabad.

Five meters from the border post at Lutfabad a watch tower is under construction.

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